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FOR SECRETARY AND HARTMAN FROM MCCLOSKEY

DEPARTMENT PASS TO SECRETARY'S PARTY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SP

SUBJECT: US-SPANISH DECLARATION

1. HAD LONG AND AT TIMES DIFFICULT SESSION WITH CORTINA TODAY DURING WHICH HE REOPENED QUESTIONS OF SUBSTANCE IN THE TEXT OF THE DECLARATION. MOST IMPORTANTLY, AND STILL SUBJECT TO FURTHER MEETING MONDAY, 11:00 AM, IS CORTINA'S INSISTENCE ON ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE IN PARAGRAPH FIVE WHERE HE IS SEEKING TO PROTECT A FUTURE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SPAIN AND NATO. HE ALLEGES SPANISH MILITARY HAS SUFFERED "COLONIAL" STATUS IN RELATION TO NATO AND SEEKS SYMBOLIC EQUALITY THROUGH THIS DECLARATION. I REMINDED HIM TWICE THAT THE US HAS CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTED NATO MEMBERSHIP FOR SPAIN. MEANWHILE, I RESISTED SEVERAL VARIATIONS OF HIS LANGUAGE AND OFFERED ALTERNATIVES WHICH WE FELT WERE FAIR TO HIM AND TOLERABLE FOR US.

2. SPECIFICALLY, IN THE SENTENCE BEGINNING "ACCORDINGLY. THEY INTEND THAT THEIR DEFENSE COOPERATION BE COORDINATED WITH EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS, ETC.", HE TRIED ADDING VARIOUS FORMULATIONS FROM "PROMOTING THE CORRESPONDING AGREEMENTS" TO "FURTHERING THE APPROPRIATE RELATIONSHIP." AT ONE POINT I PROPOSED TO MEET THEM BY INSERTING "FURTHER" AFTER "COOPERATION" IN ABOVE SENTENCE. BEFORE LEAVING WASHINGTON EUR HAD SUGGESTED "IN ORDER TO FURTHER SUPPORT SUCH ARRANGEMENTS" AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR "PROMOTING THE CORRESPONDING AGREEMENTS." CORTINA WOULD NOT ACCEPT THIS.

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3. IF YOU BELIEVE THAT "FURTHERING THE APPROPRIATE RELATIONSHIP"

IS ACCEPTABLE, LET ME KNOW, OR I WILL WELCOME ANY OTHER SUGGESTION YOU CARE TO MAKE. IN EITHER CASE, I AM RELATIVELY CONFIDENT CORTINA AND I CAN WORK IT OUT ON MONDAY. HE HAS PROMISED TO "MEDITATE FURTHER" ON IT.

4. OTHER WISE:

(A) WE HAVE AGREED TO RENUMBER THE PARAGRAPHS SO THERE WILL NOW BE TEN.

(B) WE HAVE AGREED TO MINOR WORD CHANGES WHICH DO NOT ABUSE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE TEXT. SOME INCLUDE INSERTIONS, SOME DELETIONS.

(C) THE FOREIGN MINISTER ASKED IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CALL ON FRANCO.

(D) HE ALSO ASKED WHEN WE PROPOSE "SIGNING". HE'S THINKING OF HAVING IT OCCUR WITHIN DAYS AFTER INITIALING.

5. ON "C" AND "D" I RECOMMEND THAT YOU AGREE TO CALL ON FRANCO AND THAT YOU TELL CORTINA THE DECLARATION WILL BE SIGNED JUST AS SOON AS YOU CAN FIT IT INTO THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE. (WE NEED REPLY ON CALL ON FRANCO BY NOON MONDAY GMT.)
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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED SECRETARY'S PARTY.

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